Expenditure on Publicity in Rural Areas by Public Sector Banks

5952. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by public sector banks on publicity in rural areas during the last three years, year-wise and bank-wise;

(b) the details of deposits made by the rural people in the various deposit schemes of the banks during the same period, State-wise; and

(c) other steps the Government have taken to popularise and encourage the deposit schemes in rural areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Stay Orders by Courts in Recovery of Taxes.

5953. SHRI RAJNATH SONKAR SHASTRI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of Central excise, customs, Income-tax, Central sales taxes and sales tax locked up in stay orders issued by judicial authorities between July 1 to December 31, 1990 and between January 1 to June 30, 1991 and how does the same compare with the amounts blocked during the preceding three years;

(b) the number of cases in which the stay orders were got vacated by the authorities concerned and in how many cases the stay orders continued to remain in force;

(c) the reasons for not being able to get the stay orders vacated and the steps taken to do so;

(d) the steps taken to expedite the revenue collection; and

(e) whether the revenue collection during the financial year will be far too less than previous years and will have a telling effect on the grants of loans by the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) to (e). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Schemes to Unearth Black Money

5954. SHRI BALRAJ PASSI:
SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU:
SHRI RAMESH CHAND TOMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes offered by the Union Government to unearth the black money during the last five years;

(b) the amount of black money unearthed under each of these schemes; and

(c) the manner in which the unearthed black money has been utilised by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a). The only scheme which was implemented during the last five years by the Union Government to unearth black money was the Amnesty Scheme of 1985. The Scheme provided an opportunity to

persons to file returns of income/wealth for disclosing their true income or wealth voluntarily without any fear of roving enquiries and reopening of their past assessments and also without fear of any penal consequences. The Scheme which was made public in March, 1985 finally ended on 31.3.87.

(b) No statistics regarding the amount of income/wealth disclosed or tax collected under the Amnesty Scheme can be given with accuracy as the Scheme was not a statuary scheme requiring the filling of separate returns of income or wealth and no separate procedure for processing such returns was followed.

(c) The taxes realized from the disclosures made under the Amnesty Scheme formed a part of the general revenues of the Government and were utilized as per budget allocations.

[*Translation*]

Financial Assistance to Orissa for Construction of Roads and Bridges

5955. SHRI SRIKANTA JENA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether international financial institutions are providing financial assistance for the constructions of bridges and roads in Orissa;

(b) if so, the names of roads and the length thereof alongwith the names of the financial institution and the amount of financial assistance being provided;

(c) the time schedule of the construction work of these roads and bridges; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the completion of construction work within the stipulated time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a).Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). Improvement and strengthening of Rourkela Sambalpur State Road (164 Km.) estimated to cost Rs. 73.10 crores has been included under Asian Development Bank Loan assistance. The Amount of loan assistance is US $ 41.07 million. The construction work will take 48 months after award of work. Since the road in question is a state road, it is for the State Government to ensure completion of construction within the stipulated time.

[*English*]

Widening of National Highway No. 6 Between Durg and Raipur

5956. SHRI CHANDULAL CHANDRAKAR: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed or injured due to road accidents on National Highway No.6 between Durg and Raipur in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government propose to widen it to two lanes;

(c) the amount spent for maintenance of this road during the last three years; yearwise and

(d) the name of the agency of whom the work was entrusted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a).The number of persons dead/injured during last three years is an under: